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voters that reflect unity of character and socioeconomic interest. And I understand what Senator Cunningham and Senator Dierks are doing, and I...and I apologize for not being able to support it because it's unfortunate they had to run against each other. But I think the very things that they're talking about, what happened to District 18, are going to be more severely impacted on District 34 and District 41. It completely changes the district which happens to be mine. He said it touched on a couple others and it severely touched my...my district. I retain one county, lose four counties, and pick up four more county...four different counties. They run a long ways from home. They're not equal in boundaries. The county lines are not...not whole counties. District 41 almost does the same thing. It changes five counties, keeps one county, and picks up about another four counties, parts of counties. Another reason that I believe it's wrong, we have one person already filed in District 41 that would become District 43. Two people have filed in District 32, which will become District 34. And others are considering filing but they don't know what district they're going to be in. It was considered to be an open seat and so that always attracts more interest, but then it probably would not be an open seat if this...this LB 1257 were adopted. There are two people in District 18 who filed; would become District 32. One person in District 38 has filed; will become District 34. It breaks up District 34, 32, 41, and 24 pretty substantially, even more so than District 18. District 18, with the new proposal, and the old one, was still a pretty composite district, but it completely does away with that and these other districts, which is a severe blow to those districts. If you happen to have a map in front of you, you can see what it does. And some of District 32, which is Senator Coordsen's, was four counties that were all the complete county, in one area it would...it would send them a long ways to different districts. So, with my apologies to Senator Dierks and Senator Cunningham, I...I cannot support the motion to...to suspend the rules. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senator Beutler brought up one of the points I wanted to make again and that was